



## News & Views

The Newsletter of the Lubbock Chapter of  
Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians And Gays.  
Support ~ Education ~ Advocacy  
May 2008

### THE PFLAG MISSION

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: **support**, to cope with an adverse society; **education**, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and **advocacy**, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.



### MAY'S MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2008  
7 p.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church  
(1501 University)

Laura Calkins; Dean of Women's Studies for TTU  
presents: The History of the Lesbian Movement

### PFLAG Lubbock Newsletter At a Glance

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### PFLAG Decries Honorary Doctorate for Schlafly

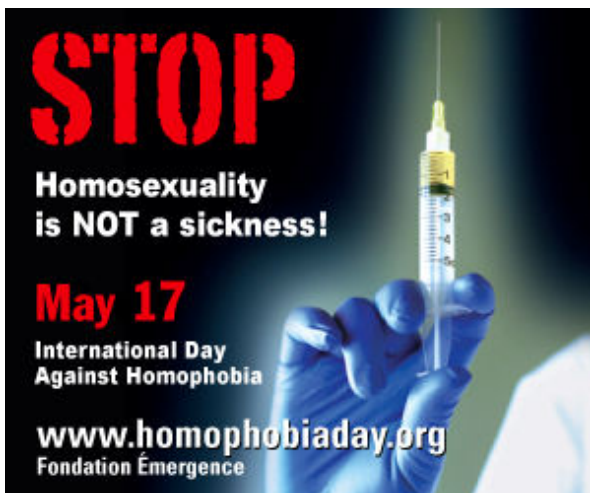
Gay rights advocates are asking Washington University administrators to reconsider honoring antigay activist Phyllis Schlafly with an honorary doctorate at the school's commencement ceremony. Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, along with many students and faculty, is urging the school not to honor Schlafly at the May 16 ceremony in St. Louis.

"Phyllis Schlafly has spent much of her life on a crusade to roll back opportunities for millions of people, including many of the students at Washington University," Dean L. Rosen, president of PFLAG's St. Louis chapter, said in a statement on Thursday. "She has consistently opposed full equality for women and for gays and lesbians and has pushed her anti-equality agenda in our schools and our state houses. As parents and allies of GLBT young people, we are alarmed that Washington University would honor someone who has such a long track record of attacking our children."

Despite having a gay son, Schlafly, founder of the "pro-family" Eagle Forum, has been a longtime opponent of LGBT rights and feminism. The Washington University alumna has also attacked public schools for allowing affirmative portrayals of LGBT people in curricula.

Students and faculty have not asked university officials to disinvite Schlafly from speaking at the ceremony; they simply disagree with her receiving an honorary degree. As of Thursday, more than 2,000 members had joined a Facebook.com group opposing Schlafly's doctorate.

Mary Ann Dzuback, director of the women's and gender studies department at WU, told the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* it would be "grossly inappropriate" for Washington University to honor Schlafly with a degree.



The school said in a statement on Tuesday that Schlafly was chosen because it honors people "who have become a part of the broad public discourse on vital issues of the times -- whether or not the majority of those within its community agree with the views expressed by those individuals." The statement continues to list past honorees, "including civil rights leaders Jesse Jackson and Julian Bond; political leaders as diverse as Madeleine Albright, John Major, Patricia Schroeder, John C. Danforth, Paul Simon, and Richard Gephardt; educational leaders such as Ruth Simmons and Henry Louis Gates; and members of the media including Tom Friedman, George Will, Tim Russert, and this year's commencement speaker, Chris Matthews." (*The Advocate*)

## Upcoming PFLAG Lubbock Meetings

June 3, 2008:

**15<sup>th</sup> Annual PFLAG Lubbock Picnic!**

**This year's picnic is hosted by Ron Nance and John Gray at their home:**

**3503 32<sup>nd</sup> St.**

**Lubbock, TX 79410**

**Show up between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.**

**Bring a dish to share with everyone and a utensil to serve it with. Show off your culinary skills or buy something at your local supermarket! Relax in the grass, have a picnic on a blanket or get comfortable in a chair, you just have to bring it. (For details and/or directions call: 544-7405 or 797-5120)**

**July-August:** Summer Vacation; see you in September!

**October 21, 2008:** Grace Rogers Gets Us Geared Up for November Elections!

**November 11, 2008:** PFLAG Lubbock's Yearly Evaluation

**December 16, 2008:** PFLAG Lubbock's Winter Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange

\*Dates not listed are TBA

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## Volunteer Opportunity!

**-Publicity Chairman:** We need someone who wants to put a community face on PFLAG.

If you can help, please contact PFLAG Lubbock at [pflaglubbock@yahoo.com](mailto:pflaglubbock@yahoo.com)

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## PFLAG Lubbock Transgender Support Group

For information on the next  
Transgender Support Group meeting contact:

Jane Minkley-Baker; PFLAG Lubbock President  
[Janemink@msn.com](mailto:Janemink@msn.com) or (806) 438-6504

Jennifer Starre; PFLAG Lubbock Transgender Coordinator  
[Acutehq@yahoo.com](mailto:Acutehq@yahoo.com) or (806) 778-0882

Ted Dotts; Support Group Leader  
[tbdotts@gmail.com](mailto:tbdotts@gmail.com)

## PFLAG Online!

Visit PFLAG National at:  
<http://www.pflag.org/>

E-mail PFLAG Lubbock at:  
[pflaglubbock@yahoo.com](mailto:pflaglubbock@yahoo.com)

## Opening the Door to the Inclusion of Transgender People



**WASHINGTON, APRIL 28** — The National Center for Transgender Equality and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force today released a joint publication titled *Opening the Door to the Inclusion of Transgender People: The Nine Keys to Making Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender*

*Organizations Fully Transgender-Inclusive*, geared toward lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organizations.

"Transgender inclusion has been an important issue in the LGBT community, particularly in the past year. Yet, many organizations struggle with how exactly to become fully transgender-inclusive. We are excited to offer this free new resource," said Mara Keisling, executive director of the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE).

*Opening the Door*, which is based on years of personal and professional experience within LGBT organizations, makes the case for full inclusion at every level of an organization. It examines the need for genuine, consistent advocacy for inclusion of gender identity and expression in policies, programs, legislative stances and public positions, and explores critical issues such as understanding the transgender experience and the role of an ally, how to address staffing issues, dealing with prejudice and ways to further outreach. The voices of LGBT leaders discussing real-life experiences with transgender inclusion are found throughout the

guide. (National Center for Transgender Equality;  
[www.nctequality.org](http://www.nctequality.org))



### PFLAG Lubbock Newsletter Goes Green!

Each month PFLAG Lubbock will offer one tip on how PFLAG Lubbock supporters can easily and cheaply help improve the environment we share. On top of offering an environment saving tip each month, all PFLAG Lubbock Newsletters will be printed and mailed on recycled paper products. Please join PFLAG Lubbock in helping to clean up our community.

Tip #5: Find eco-friendly products at [TheFindGreen.com](http://TheFindGreen.com)\*

“If you feel like picking up some eco-conscious items go to [TheFindGreen.com](http://TheFindGreen.com). [TheFindGreen](http://TheFindGreen.com) is a great way to search the We for the best green products”

TheFindGreen website will search **thousands** of online products that are eco-friendly. From hair dryers to gift wrap to lamps to cloths to anything else you could want.

\*Source: *The Advocate* May 8, 2008

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## Supporting those who support PFLAG Lubbock

### Businesses

#### **Adams Flowers**

3532 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806)792-2126

<http://www.adamsflowerstx.com/>

#### **Charles Adams Gallery**

4210 Kingsgate Center  
(806) 788-1008

#### **Ellsworth String Quartet**

(806) 799-7227

#### **Kyra Blankenship & Angela Bakersville**

Attorneys at Law  
(806) 765-5161 or 1-800-364-7021

#### **MassageLubbock.com**

Jason Weber R.M.T.  
(806) 535-5044  
Email: [Jweber1965@hotmail.com](mailto:Jweber1965@hotmail.com)

#### **Rainbow Candleworks, Ceramics & Things**

(806) 773-0149 (cell); (806) 792-9127 (home)  
<http://www.rainbowcandlecompany.com>.

#### **Rattan and Wicker Specialties**

2520 34<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806) 793-3455

#### **Shellie Smith, CPA**

8008 Slide Road  
(806) 798-8194

#### **Tommy Kirk Hairstylist**

2825 50<sup>th</sup> St.  
(806) 797-7901

#### **Sprague's Massage Therapy**

(806) 438-2221  
E-mail: [stressmts@door.net](mailto:stressmts@door.net)  
<http://www.fly.to/smc>

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### Churches:

#### **Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)**

4501 University Avenue  
(806) 792-5562  
Sunday Worship 11 am  
Friday Lambda AA Meeting 8 pm  
Wednesday Doorways Youth Group Meeting 7 pm  
Newsletter available upon request  
E-mail: [mcclubbocktx@aol.com](mailto:mcclubbocktx@aol.com)

#### **St. John's United Methodist Church**

1501 University Avenue (across from Tech Campus) (806)  
762-0123  
A Reconciling Congregation Sunday mornings:  
8:30-Holy Communion  
9 am- Fellowship Time  
9:15 am- Sunday School Classes  
10:30 am- Morning Worship  
E-mail: [openminds@stjohnslubbock.org](mailto:openminds@stjohnslubbock.org)  
[www.stjohnslubbock.org](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org)

#### **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lubbock**

2801-42<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Lubbock, TX 79413  
(806) 799-1617  
Adult education: Sundays 10 am  
Worship Service & Children's Classes: 11 am  
<http://pages.suddenlink.net/uulubbock>

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### Organizations:

#### **LGBTs Lubbock, Literature, Etc.**

<http://www.duanesimolke.com>.

#### **L.I.F.E.**

Lubbock Interfaith Fellowship for Equality

#### **The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Support Group**

Texas Tech University Counseling Center  
Meets during the fall & spring semesters  
Interested Tech students can call the Counseling Center at:  
(806) 742-3674.

#### **Equality Texas (EQTX)**

Equality Texas is the largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered organization in Texas. Working toward the elimination of social, legal & economic discrimination based on sexual orientation & gender identity through lobbying, education, & research directed toward the Texas Legislature & other state governmental agencies  
PO Box 2340  
Austin, TX 78768  
(512) 474-5475  
E-mail: [info@equalitytexas.org](mailto:info@equalitytexas.org)

[www.equalitytexas.org](http://www.equalitytexas.org).

**South Plains College Gay/Straight Alliance**

The SPC GSA meets during scheduled dates and times during the fall & spring semesters during lunch.

E-mail: [southplainsgsa@yahoo.com](mailto:southplainsgsa@yahoo.com) for meeting details.

**Texas Tech Gay/Straight Alliance**

Tech GSA meets Thursdays at 7 pm in the basement of Holden Hall on the TTU campus during the fall & spring semesters.

E-mail: [ttugsa@yahoo.com](mailto:ttugsa@yahoo.com) for meeting details.

**SPARC/Project Recognize**

202 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
(806) 765-0444.

Project Recognize offers many opportunities for volunteers interested in the public health field. Project Recognize educates & offers prevention counseling on HIV/AIDS and other STD's. Project Recognize offers free confidential & anonymous testing. Project Recognize is a support group for individuals living with HIV/AIDS, as well as other services.

E-mail: [projectrecognize@yahoo.com](mailto:projectrecognize@yahoo.com)

**Planned Parenthood Association of Lubbock, Inc.**

Briercroft Office Park #14

(806) 795-7123

Planned Parenthood provides confidential, affordable, quality reproductive health care for women & men. Services include: Annual Physicals, HIV & STD testing and treatment and Breast & Cervical Cancer screening.

**Social:**

**Heaven Night Club**

South of 19<sup>th</sup> St on Buddy Holly Ave.

Open Thursday - Saturday

**This Week In Texas (TWIT)**

<http://www.thisweekintexas.com>.

**Club Luxor**

East of University on 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Open to Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgendered persons and Allies Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

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(Editor's note: If you would like to be included in or to make corrections to the list of our supporters, feel free to contact us at [pflaglubbock@yahoo.com](mailto:pflaglubbock@yahoo.com)

**PFLAG Lubbock Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Individual - \$35

Couple - \$50

Checks payable to: **PFLAG Lubbock**

Student - \$25

Student Couple - \$40

**PO Box 94493**

**Lubbock, TX 79493-4493**

How would you like to receive your newsletter?

United States Postal Service

E-mail

E-mail (text only)

My Birthday is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Partner's Birthday is: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

Father

Our Anniversary is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother**

**Please list my/our birthdays/anniversary in the PFLAG Lubbock Newsletter.**